MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

GRANT PROGRAM

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The purpose of the grant program is to assist funding community development projects conducted by rural youth organizations such as FFA and 4-H, by encouraging rural youth to conduct projects that will improve the quality of life in rural Montana communities, and to improve interaction between the rural and urban portions of these communities.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Grants may be awarded in any amount not to exceed $500 per organization.

2. Grants will be awarded directly to rural youth organizations such as FFA or 4-H.

3. An organization will be eligible for only **<u>one grant per year.</u>**

4. Applications for grants must be made to the Montana Department of Agriculture on an application form acceptable to the department.

5. Grants are to assist in funding projects that will improve the quality of life in rural communities. Examples of eligible projects include, but are not limited to the improvement of community services or community environment; providing direct services to community members; etc.

6. **Projects must be planned and conducted by youth members of organizations with the guidance of organization leaders or community leaders.**

7. **Preference will be given to proposals that show community involvement in the planning process**. Examples of this include involvement with local government officials; civic, religious, and service organizations; government resources; educators; the media, etc.

8. **Preference will be given to organizations that can obtain additional grant funds from within their communities** and can show adequate resources to complete the project.

RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION

Instructions: Fill out the application using ink or a typewriter. If additional space is needed, use attachments. Mail applications to the following address, **postmarked no later than February 15, 2006**:

Montana Department of Agriculture
Agricultural Finance Program
P. O. Box 200201
Helena, MT 59620-0201

Chapter/Club_____
Number of members _____
Advisor/Leader_____
Address_____
Phone _____
Project name_____
Project chairman_____
Address_____

Grant amount requested $_____

1. **Describe your project completely (What are you going to do?)** _____
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2. **Why is there a need for the project in your community?** _____
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3. **List the community groups, organizations, or persons contacted to determine a need for the project.**
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4. **List the goals you hope to accomplish and the projected completion date for each goal. You may have more than one goal.** _____

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5. **List groups involved in project.** _____

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6. **Describe procedures and dates for completion of your goals.**

What Will Be Done?	Who Will Do It?	When?

7. **Total project cost? (List cost of materials, contracted services, and miscellaneous purchases).**

_____	$_____
_____	$_____
_____	$_____
_____	$_____
_____	$_____
_____	$_____
_____	$_____

TOTAL COST $_____

8. **Funding sources:**

Grant funds $_____
Local funds $_____
Other grant funds $_____

TOTAL FUNDS $

9. **List your other sources of funding. Include donated funds and other donated resources such as supplies, equipment, materials, labor and an approximate value for each.**

Amount or Type of Resource Donated	$ Value

TOTAL: $ _____

10. **Describe the expertise and knowledge available from advisors, members, or other resources that will assure a quality, finished project.** _____
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11. **On what date will the project be finished?** _____
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12. **How many chapter/club members will be involved in the project and what portion of the project will they do?** _____
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13. **Check the appropriate blank if the project will be conducted as one of the following:**

_____ Building Our Montana Communities (FFA)

_____ Community Pride (4-H)

_____ People Partners (4-H)

_____ Other (Please Describe) _____